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Jobs fear over bus cuts

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NUMBER of bus routes in the city could lose their early, late and Sunday services due to council cuts.

Milton Keynes Council announced during its budget meeting last Wednesday that it would be reducing the subsidies to bus services by £408,000.

This has led to fears that people could lose their jobs if they cannot get to and from work.

A number of major routes have been earmarked for the cuts, including the Number 1, which runs to Newport Pagnell and Olney, and the Number 7 to Bletchley, which is set to lose its evening services.

The council has said that services were identified for the removal of support because they offered poor value for money in terms of passengers carried, did not meet the aims of the council in terms of supporting economic growth, getting residents to employment or finally, that there were other bus services serving the area.

Originally, the cut had been as much as £451,000, but council leader Andrew Geary accepted an amendment by Labour to reduce this by £43,000. Labour said this would allow Services 5 and 28/29 to be maintained.

But this was criticised by local Liberal Democrat leader Douglas McCall. He claims that his party's rejected amendment, which wanted to knock £287,152 off the cuts, aimed to help people 'across the city'.

"We are worried that people could lose their jobs because they can't get the bus to and from work," he said.

"All Labour have done in their amendment is pick two services they want to save in their wards, which is purely partisan. Our amendments were aimed at helping everyone."

The cuts were defended by Cllr John Bint, the portfolio holder for Transport, who said that the amendment proposed by the Liberal Democrats did not make sense.

"The opposition just want more money to spend, with no way of getting it," he said. "The reality is this council is facing tough times. I think our proposals make sense, but we do not feel the Liberal Democrats have come forward with a sensible alternative."

Cllr Geary also defended the move, saying that no complaints had been lodged during the consultation process. He said: "The Labour amendment was reasonable, the Lib-Dem one was anything but.

"If people could not get to work they would have replied during the consultation, but we have received nothing."

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Charity chop for Jessie J clone

JESSIE J look-a-like Melissa Frayne plans to shave her head in aid of a hospital charity.

Melissa, aged 24, hopes to raise 'thousands' when she loses her locks in a couple of weeks time.

The money will go to the Brompton Fountain, a charity which supports the Royal Brompton hospital in London.

Melissa chose the cause because she had surgery at the hospital for a hole in her heart when she was 11.

Melissa, from Grange Farm, said: "Dr Rigby who performed my operation is now chairman of the charity which is why I decided to support it.

"They do amazing work and I just wanted to do something to thank them. The charity was really supportive to my family when I had my operation."

Melissa, who has her own modelling career, decided to chop her mop after the real Jessie J announced plans to shave hers for Red Nose Day on March 15. Her parents Jim and Penny, as well as older sister Sally, are right behind her.

"I have raised more than £200 so far," said Melissa. "I hope that it will eventually be thousands."

To make a donation see www.justgiving.com/MelissaFrayne.

Close to her heart: Melissa Frayne will shed her hair to help hospital charity Brompton Fountain

Traders expect new planning application

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MARKET traders say they 'jumped for joy' after plans to extend a shopping centre were withdrawn.

The controversial scheme, which would have seen part of Secklow Gate bridge demolished, and the market moved to make way for a new Primark store, was shelved on Thursday afternoon.

But traders expect that the applicants, thecentre:mk, will come back with new proposals.

Gary Eaton, a trader who runs the Phone Doctor at the market, was delighted the application was withdrawn after planning officials had recommended refusal.

Mr Eaton said: "The atmosphere down here is happy.

"We're jumping for joy but I have no doubt that they will come back with another proposal."

Linda Inoki, who heads pressure group Xplain, which has campaigned vigorously against the scheme, said the decision was 'a victory for common sense'.

Mark Lancaster, the MP for Milton Keynes North, welcomed the decision, but stressed that he was not against future development from thecentre:mk.

"While the location of this application was wrong, it is vital that we encourage investment in our city.

"I'm disappointed to see a project that would have bought over 400 jobs not come to fruition. I hope very much that they will reconsider their application and put forward new proposals in the future, as part of a strategic plan which will also support our city's market."

Applicants thecentre:mk said: "Close discussions between the owners and local stakeholders will now continue.

"There will be no further comment at this stage."

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Man arrested in raid

POLICE discovered 40 cannabis plants after a late night raid at a house in Newport Pagnell. A 33-year-old man was arrested following the swoop, which happened at about 3.30am on Thursday February 21. Officers entered the house, in Annesley Road, after being issued with a search warrant.

Midsummer deal close

A PROPERTY group has confirmed it is in 'advanced discussions' to acquire Midsummer Place Shopping Centre from Legal and General. Intu Properties PLC, which is considering additional funding options, say announcements will be made 'when it's appropriate'.

£350 fine for parking abuse

A WOMAN who used a Blue Badge to park in disabled bays, despite being able-bodied, has been fined more than £300.

Samantha Wells, 46, of Kelsey Close, Tattenhoe, was fined £350 and ordered to pay costs of £234.40, after she admitted to using disabled parking bays in central Milton Keynes and displaying a badge which wasn't hers.

A council spokesman said: "These bays are for the exclusive use of disabled people, and when they are taken by those who are able-bodied it denies a disabled person the chance to park there.

"We take this seriously and will actively pursue those who abuse the scheme."

Motorcyclist in 'critical condition'

A MOTORCYCLIST was left in a critical condition in hospital after a crash last Wednesday morning.

The 60-year-old man collided with a road sign on Lathbury Shaw to the north of Newport Pagnell.

He was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital with serious injuries to his arms and legs.

Roads were closed shortly after 8am and police are now appealing for witnesses who may have any information.

If you saw the crash call the non-emergency number of 101.

Easy rider: Adam gets a send off on his charity trek from chairman of MK Dons, Pete Winkelman

Dons fan Adam hits the road

AN MK Dons fan has ridden more than 2,000 miles for charity by following his team to away games on a bike.

Cyclist Adam Faiers hopes to raise £5,000 for MK Dons Sport and Education Trust as well as Redway School.

The charity helps youngsters with disabilities get into sport in Milton Keynes.

Adam's longest trip was a 16-hour ride over two days to Carlisle on Saturday which included a climb of nearly 2,000ft.

The Leighton Buzzard Cycling Club member, said: "It was a really long journey and very cold. I'm glad I've been getting a coach back after each trip!"

Adam, who had a day to rest before he trekked to the Portsmouth match on Tuesday night, leaves each trip from the Dons stadium.

To add to the £3,864 of donations see www.justgiving.com/1000milesfortheSET.

Council tax letter branded 'callous'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COUNCILLOR has slammed what he has branded 'callous and impersonal' letters from Milton Keynes Council.

Nigel Long, a Labour councillor in Denbigh, said he was 'shocked' when a disabled resident brought him a letter from the council that contained no reference to the resident, no named contact person and no contact information.

The letters, sent out to addresses on February 15, were aimed at explaining changes in council tax benefit.

The resident, who did not wish to be named, previously did not pay council tax.

She will now pay £3 in council tax per week, and will soon have to pay an extra £11 a week in rent because of the 'bedroom tax'.

Cllr Long says that this is 20 per cent of her jobseekers allowance income of £71.

"Not only is the letter callous and impersonal, treating people as a number, but the letter offers no help or support. It is exactly the approach that gives councils a bad reputation," said Mr Long.

"We cannot stop these harsh Government measures, but we should remember to treat people as people and not just as a reference number."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "We are not aware of any complaints that have been received from any residents about the style of communication we have sent out.

"By sending out an initial notification, a letter, and an easy to understand leaflet, we feel we have gone out of our way to make sure people are aware of a very important change.

"We have done above and beyond what we are required to by law because it is such a sensitive matter, and we have been treating it as such."

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Laptops stolen in raid

THAMES Valley Police are appealing for witnesses to a burglary in Newport Pagnell. Thieves entered a property in Severn Drive between 4.30pm and 9.00pm on Friday. They made off with items including laptops, jewellery and cash. Anyone with information should contact the non-emergency number of 101.

Hanslope house robbed

BURGLARS gained entry to a house in Hungate End Road, Hanslope, between 11.50pm and 6.35pm on Friday, but left with just a torch. They smashed a window to get into the property. If you have information call Det Con Wendy Cissell on 101.

Marathon effort to raise £26,000

THREE people from Milton Keynes will be running the Silverstone half marathon on Sunday to raise money for disabled children.

Emma Hunter, 26, Colin Dudman, 48 and Tyrone McCormack, 43, will run the 13.1-mile course in a bid to raise £26,000.

Their charity, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) uses horses and ponies to provide therapy. The trio are hoping the money will help build an indoor riding arena for children.

"I've been preparing since November and getting up early every day, so I think I'll smash it!" said Colin.

A stitch in time for MP Mark

CROSS stitcher, Jamie 'Mr X Stitch' Chalmers, from Wolverton, met with Conservative MP Mark Lancaster to discuss politics and sewing!

The IT manager invited the MP to take part in an international project by Save the Children called '#imapiece'.

Volunteers stitch a jigsaw piece to make a gigantic blanket to show their support for the 0.7 per cent of tax-payers' money that is given to overseas aid.

Jamie said: "There are currently 380 pieces to the puzzle."

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Councillors should stand up for MK

SIR – Wednesday February 20 was the saddest night in the entire history of Milton Keynes. Councillors supposed to represent our interests passed £16m of budget cuts, thus inflicting the Conservative and Lib-Dem government's budget cuts on the people of Milton Keynes.

Once revered as the New Jerusalem, Milton Keynes now has little cause for pride. Everyone – but especially the poor who most depend on public services – will feel the chill.

In its attacks on the poorest residents the council even decided to increase bed and breakfast accommodation charges for the homeless to raise an extra £326,000 in 2013/14. Just where our poorest residents are going the find this extra money is anyone's guess.

If councillors haven't the guts to stand up to Cameron, Osborne, Danny Alexander and Pickles, they should have resigned. For soon there will be no Milton Keynes Council – at least nothing for them to do – just a few officers outsourcing contracts to mostly globalised, unaccountable and probably tax-dodging companies.

So much for "localism", local democracy and Cameron's "Big Society" as community groups go to the wall! A total of £71,000 was cut from the youth grants in 2013/2014 (with a £64,000 cut the year to follow). Music and Adult Learning Services were cut by £112,000 in 2013/2014, and these were just a few of the many and extensive cuts agreed.

These cuts, though the biggest in MK's history, are just the start. There is another £41m to come off by 2017, though years of 'economies', continual staff re-organisations, outsourcing and redundancies mean there is no fat to trim.

Most shameful was that the Labour Party – the so-called 'party of the people' – abstained, letting the cuts go through despite Liberal-Democrat opposition. Of course the Lib-Dems were not really opposed, but used this to cover their shame at having sold out to the Tories nationally. Let us remember it was the budget of Tory Chancellor Osborne and Danny Alexander (the Liberal Democrat Chief Secretary to the Treasury) that resulted in this disastrous settlement for local government which may also result in a 10-year recession.

Shameful too were the delay tactics of both Labour and Lib-Dem councillors who discussed saving bus routes – a fig leaf to mask their acceptance of the need for cuts.

Instead of this destruction, governments should force companies like Amazon, Starbucks, Google, IBM, McDonald's etc to pay the correct taxes, which would more than cover the deficit.

They should stop bailing out irresponsible bankers, starting overseas wars or renewing the colossally expensive, unnecessary and dangerous Trident nuclear missiles.

Milton Keynes citizens deserve better than this and need elected councillors who will stand up for its citizens and oppose all cuts in public services.

Neil Williams
Milton Keynes Against The Cut

We need superfast broadband now!

SIR – I write regarding access (or lack of to be precise) to superfast broadband in Milton Keynes and BT's rollout plans.

As a new housing development located within three miles of Milton Keynes city centre, I find it incredulous that Oakridge Park currently has no access to superfast broadband and no future installation date is planned.

This is a situation that seems to be repeated in other locations across Milton Keynes.

As a growing town that continues to attract significant investment, I am amazed that BT is not much quicker to respond to a vocal demand for better broadband – not least because it will drive their own revenues.

In this digital era, access to high quality broadband is increasingly a necessity as opposed to a 'nice to have'. Without swift intervention by Milton Keynes councillors and MP's we will lose our competitive advantage when it comes to encouraging business and talent to our town.

Jonathan Haskins
Oakridge Park

Drivers must slow down on Fishermead

SIR – I write to you as the spokesperson for the Fishermead Residents Association. We are very concerned with the deplorable attitude and blatant disregard that some people have towards posted speed limits on the Fishermead Estate.

We are concerned at incidents that have seen a flagrant abuse of the speed limits.

We are calling for Fishermead to be designated a 20mph estate or we feel there will be more accidents, possibly leading to fatalities.

This is an area that has a high volume of pedestrian traffic (both young and old) and someone driving along the Boulevard, or indeed any of the access roads onto the estate at any great speed, cuts the reaction time of both the driver and the pedestrian alike.

A 20mph speed limit that is coupled perhaps with other traffic calming measures will help alleviate this issue which seems to be growing at an alarming rate.

As a residents' association we would like to draw the public's attention to this issue.

David Priest
Fishermead Residents Association

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

A visit to the optician makes sense to me

IT'S BEEN three years since I had laser eye surgery.

It's not necessarily a procedure I'd recommend to the squeamish. In fact it was only with the help of tranquilisers that I was brave enough to undergo the procedure myself.

Having scalpels and lasers in your eyes seems a bit barbaric to me, but I did it and it worked. My short-sightedness was corrected and glasses and contact lenses were a thing of the past.

Not worrying about glasses steaming up on rainy days after walking into a warm room is a major bonus.

At the time of my initial laser treatment consultation I was warned that as my mid-40s

approached, I should expect to see a natural decline in my near vision.

And following a check-up with my optician last week, I was thrilled to learn that my distance vision is still better than 20/20, but trying to read the small print is, for the first time, a bit of a struggle.

"You've done well to last this long without the need for reading glasses," my optician told me. "And the prescription you now need will make things a little more comfortable for you to read."

With a need for glasses with a correction of just +1, I'm still able to read without glasses, but the words and letters aren't quite as crisp as they used to be.

But getting an eye check up is more than just reading charts; it's about getting a professional optometrist to check the health of your eyes.

While laser eye surgery isn't for everyone, a regular visit to the optician should be.

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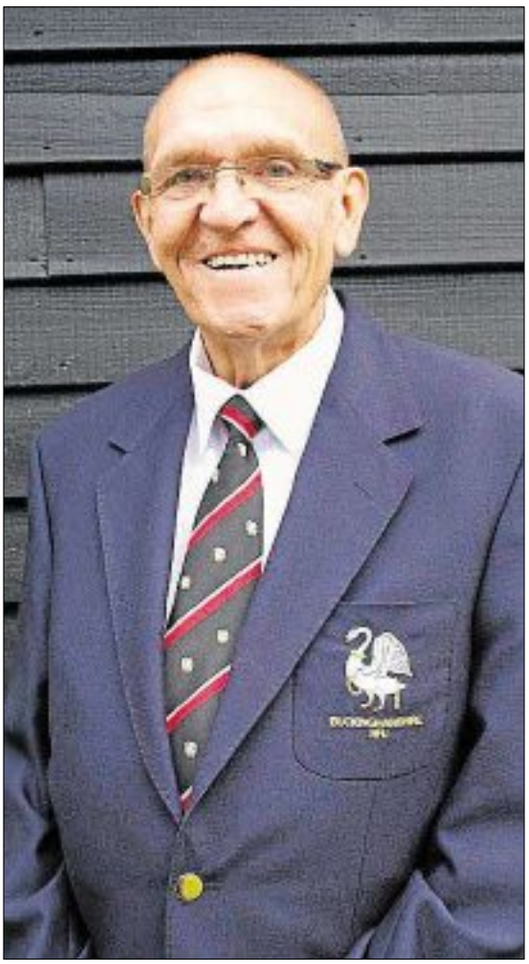

Rugby stalwart: Milton Keynes RUFC president John Silk who died in hospital aged 70. He had been involved with Milton Keynes Rugby Club for more than 40 years

BY DAN PALMER
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TRIBUTES have poured in after John Silk, the President of Milton Keynes Rugby Club, sadly passed away on Sunday.

Mr Silk, 70, who has been involved with the club for more than 40 years, died at Northampton hospital after a long battle with illness.

A club statement said: "Silky was very special to us at Milton Keynes Rugby Club and he will be deeply missed by us all.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Ann and his family."

Club commercial director Andrew Flowers said that Mr Silk 'dedicated his life to the club'.

"He was really well-liked by everyone and did a huge amount for rugby in Milton Keynes, right up until his death," he said.

"Everyone liked him and he was a highly respected man.

"He was both a gentle man and a gentleman. He will be missed by the whole of the Bucks rugby fraternity.

"It will be jam packed when we raise a glass to him."

Mr Silk has taken on many roles during his time at the club and his impact cannot be understated.

He was honoured with a lifetime achievement award and in 2011 he realised his 'dream' when the club moved to its current home at Emerson Valley.

His wife Ann said: "I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful comments, cards, flowers and best wishes received in the last 24 hours, literally hundreds.

"I hope that anyone and everyone able to attend the game at Buckingham on Saturday will do so on John's behalf."

Numerous messages have been left in Mr Silk's memory on Facebook.

Ruth Hemmingway said: "So sad. The first person we met at Milton Keynes Rugby Club in 1975. Very fond memories."

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Tuna lures cat down

FIREFIGHTERS used a 1.5metre ladder and a tin of tuna to coax a cat down from a tree. The furry fiend had been stuck up the tree for four days in Tenby Grove, Kingsmead. The RSPCA were called alongside the crew from Great Holm.

Neighbour saves life

A KITCHEN fire which broke out while a man was asleep in his Bletchley flat was prevented from spreading when his neighbour heard the alarm and called 999. The man had been cooking when he slept through the smoke alarm in his home on Friday morning. He received treatment for the effects of inhaling smoke at his flat in Mellish Court, Melrose Avenue. Adrian Sherratt, from Bletchley Fire Station, said: "If he had not had a working smoke alarm and if the neighbour had not heard it, the consequences could have been much worse."

No newts is definitely good 'newts' for WEA

CONSTRUCTION work on a new development area is a step closer, after Great Crested Newts were relocated to a new home.

The Western Expansion Area (WEA), covering Stony Stratford, Two Mile Ash and Crownhill, will begin to take shape after ecological work was carried out to create new homes for the newts.

The new expansion area will provide the city with additional housing, while incorporating green spaces and allotments.

A council spokesman said: "Work has been undertaken during the winter months in consideration of the natural cycles for wildlife, and during the period when the newts are inactive."

Cancer group to hold meeting

PEOPLE who have been affected by lymphatic cancer have the chance to attend a support group meeting in the city.

The Milton Keynes Lymphoma Association support group will hold the meeting on Thursday, March 7, at the Peartree Centre from 2pm.

The group is made up of individuals who have been affected by lymphoma in some way, whether patient, family member, friend or carer. If you would like to attend the meeting, or would like further information about the group, please contact the Lymphoma Association's freephone helpline on 0808 808 5555 or visit www.lymphomas.org.uk.

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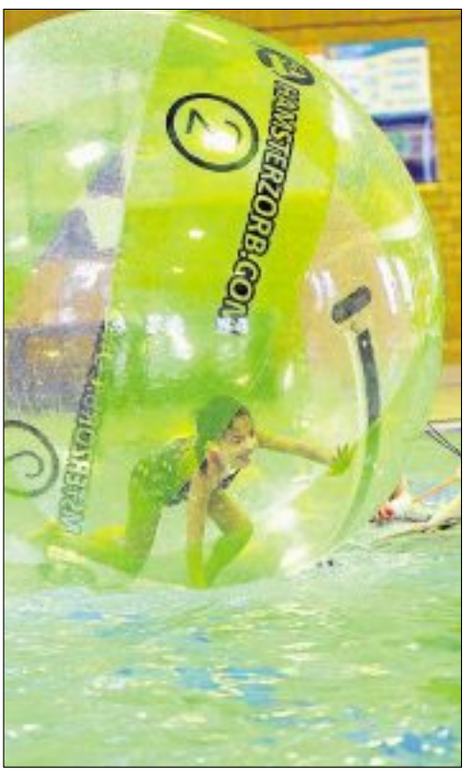

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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YOUNGSTERS enjoyed a splashing time at Woughton Leisure Centre when they had a chance to take part in aqua zorbing as part of a half-term 'Kids Club'.

Parents watched as their children climbed inside gaint plastic balls and splashed in the 25-metre indoor swimming pool to mimic hamsters at play.

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Youngsters aged eight to 14 took part in the activity which mimics small rodents in a hamster ball by floating on top of the water.

Zorbing can also take place on dry flat land as well as hills.

Paul, who also runs events for adults and large groups, said: "It was awesome and the first time we went to that centre."

"It's more weight-dependent than age. Anyone can do it from three to 99, it's good for all ages. We hope to run many more in Woughton," he added.

Kids Club acitivities held in the centre included breakdancing, a bouncy castle, athletics, football, inflatables as well as arts and crafts, from 8am to 6pm for £55 per child.

For more see www.hamsterzorb.com.

More than 20 children donned swimsuits to have a go at the calorie-burning zorbing in Woughton Leisure Centre during the half-term holiday. The zorbs can also be used for playing games like five-a-side football, and two very large rolling zorbs, which measure 2.4m by 2.8m in height, can also be rented for races in a gymnasium or in water. The Kids Club runs activities every half-term at the leisure centre.

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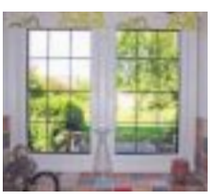

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Budget cuts given go

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MILTON Keynes Council has voted through its proposed budget, in a three-and-a-half hour meeting held last Wednesday evening.

The budget, which must fill a £16.75m hole after cuts in funding from the Government, will see council tax rise by 1.95 per cent, car parking charges rise, and a cut in bus subsidies.

It will also introduce a £10 charge for the collection of bulky waste, a service which had originally been free.

Twenty councillors voted in favour of the budget, 15 voted against, and 15 abstained. One did not vote, although this was classed as an abstention.

In a fiery meeting, members of the public flocked to the public gallery and vented their frustration at the cuts.

Council leader Andrew Geary

The continued reductions in Government funding will see the council further reduce costs by £45m over the following four years – a total of £31m over the next three years.

Some of these pressures have been alleviated by a 1.95 per cent rise in council tax.

This means that those who live in an average Band D property will pay £1,138 in council tax for the year.

The precepts for policing, introduced by the new Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld, will stand at £157.38, while the precept for Bucks Fire Service was £59.13.

The new budget will also see the price of a standard purple parking bay in central Milton Keynes rise from 30p to 40p an hour, while the premium rate will increase from £1.20 to £1.40.

The introduction of these new charges will net the council an additional £1.4m, which they say will be re-invested.

It was a decision that the leader of the council, Andrew Geary, said was not taken lightly.

"Following the level of response to the increase in parking charges, we have very carefully considered the options and the impact to services of not increasing these charges," he said. "We concluded that the parking charge increase must continue, but we will also be conducting a review of parking spaces to identify if more cheap rate spaces can be made available."

The introduction of a fee for collecting bulky waste is also sure to be a talking point.

Originally, the council had planned a £15 fee, but they accepted an amendment from the Labour party that reduced this to £10.

Members of the Liberal Democrats argued that this would lead to an increase in fly-tipping, but this was rebuked by councillors from the Conservatives, Labour and UKIP.

Speaking on the budget overall. Cllr Geary said: "We have had to create a budget in the most difficult financial time our local authority has ever seen.

"We have done this while protecting services and the most vulnerable in our city. Most importantly we have secured a safe future for Milton Keynes and demonstrated yet again that the Conservatives are trying to lead the city responsibly, not by playing politics."

Cabinet member for finance, Cllr Edith Bald, said: "I am confident that this budget, which has delivered security to valuable council services such as libraries, nurseries and weekly refuse collections, will see Milton Keynes weather the financial storm that we have found ourselves in."

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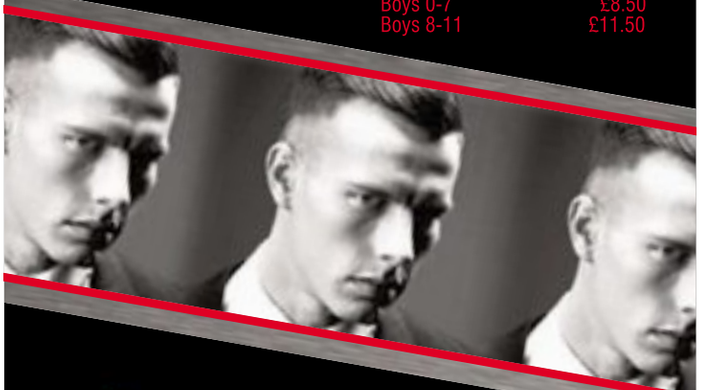

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ahead by councillors

A new charge of £10 has been introduced for the collection of bulky waste after an original proposal of £15

But opposition leaders were left far from impressed.

Despite his party having amendments accepted by the Conservatives, Cllr Norman Miles, the leader of the local Labour party, said it was 'a fire-fighting budget'.

"Unfortunately I understand that there is only so much money, and that is down to Messrs Cameron, Cable, Osbourne and Alexander," he told the chamber.

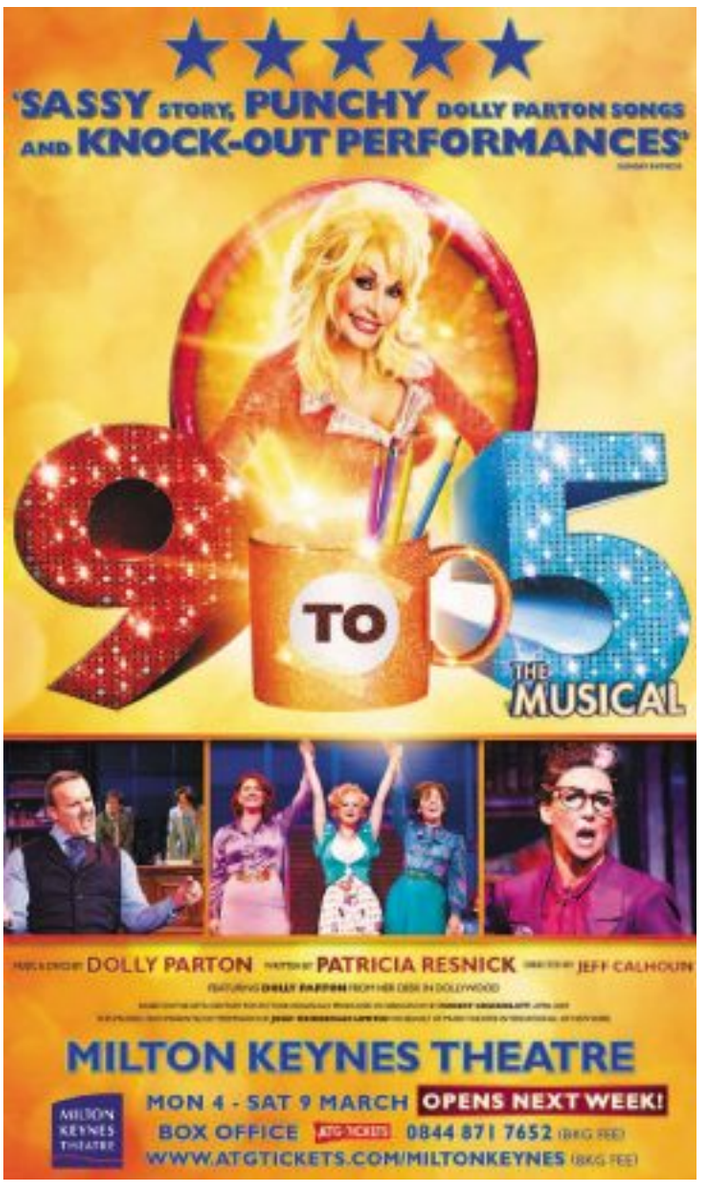
"It's hard to see how the long term strategies and policies that we work together to finalise will be carried out with this budget. I will not let other people like Eric Pickles (local government minister) tell us what we can do."

Douglas McCall, the leader of the local Liberal Democrats, said the budget 'punished poor people for being poor'.

"The Tories do not seem to understand how poor some people in this city are," he said.

"What are they going to do if people cannot afford to pay their council tax? I can see the council spending more on taking people to court than they were owed in the first place.

"It's a false economy and it's like Robin Hood in reverse."



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Cheque must be found by Friday

BY DAN PALMER
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TIME is running out if you want to get your hands on an £8,000 cheque which is supposedly hidden at Milton Keynes Gallery.

Artist Tomas Georgeson made international headlines last month when he claimed that he had hidden the cheque somewhere inside the gallery, as part of a bid to attract more visitors.

He said that if anybody found it they could make it payable to themselves, but he also set a closing date of Friday for any would-be treasure hunters.

Mr Georgeson said he would return to the Gallery to remove the cheque if it has not been claimed by Friday.

However, staff, who said they knew nothing about the stunt before they were contacted by the media, have failed to find anything despite a thorough search of the building and no visitors have been lucky enough to spot it either.

Many doubt that a cheque has been left at all, but that didn't stop crowds gathering when Mr Georgeson's claim was first made public on January 30.

Gallery Communications Director Katharine Sorensen told MK NEWS that after the initial interest things had now calmed down.

I spy: MK NEWS reporter James Averill tried to find the cheque. Like everyone else so far, he failed. Will anyone collect £8k before Friday?

"It's quieter now after the initial flurry," she said.

"I won't be waiting to see if he comes back on Friday as I will be at my desk working, and I'm not sure anyone would recognise him anyway."

This newspaper has not heard back from Mr Georgeson after we asked to accompany him to the Gallery on Friday to retrieve the mystery cheque.

When he first announced what he had done, he said: "I have the greatest respect for Milton Keynes Gallery, for its director and for its world class exhibitions programme.

"I hope that the personal risk I have taken in doing this can stand as something positive in a town eager to establish itself as a cultural destination.

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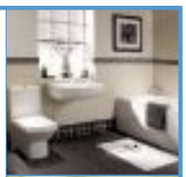

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Upgraded airport impresses MP

BY JAMES AVERILL
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Mr Stewart, who is a member of the Transport Select Committee, was also keen to hear the future plans of the airport.

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Rapist is caged for 15 years

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A RAPIST who subjected his victim to a violent attack in her own home has been jailed for 15 years.

David Billington, 21, preyed on a woman in her fifties after getting into her house in Bradville on July 1, 2012.

His victim was asleep at the time but he then subjected her to a physical and sexual assault which police said was 'sustained' as well as 'frenzied and violent'.

He managed to enter the property by forcing his way inside using an insecure door.

The woman was able to raise the alarm after her ordeal once he had left the house.

Billington, of Angel Close, Pennyland, was convicted of two counts of rape, two counts of sexual assault and one count of ABH at Amersham Crown Court last month. He was sentenced on Friday.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Luke Grove, from Milton Keynes CID, was pleased with Billington's conviction but moved to assure the public that such incidents are few and far between.

He said: "This was a nasty and sustained attack on a woman in her own home.

"Thankfully, incidents like this are extremely rare and we hope the knowledge that Billington will be behind bars for some time will offer a comfort to the victim. She can now return to some semblance of a normal life."

Baljit Ubhey, from the Crown Prosecution Service, added: "This case involved a horrendous attack on a woman in her own home, what the victim endured was unthinkable."

Behind bars: Rapist David Billington sentenced to 15 years

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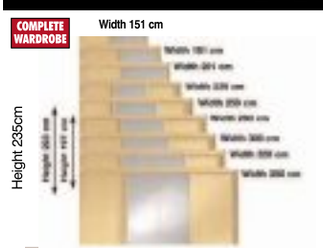

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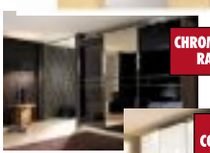

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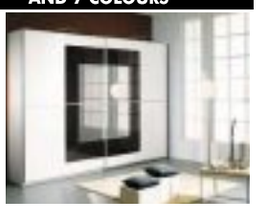

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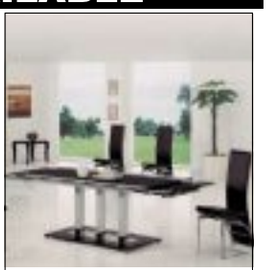

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Courage rewarded in

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE officers, staff and members of the public were commended for acts of exceptional courage, initiative and professionalism at a special awards ceremony.

Thames Valley hosted their Commendation Ceremony on Friday, and nearly 30 people were personally congratulated by Milton Keynes LPA Commander Superintendent Barry Halliday.

PCSO Will Pearce with his award

It was a chance for long-serving police officers to receive recognition for their many years service, and for brave individuals to be rewarded.

Among those members of the public who were recognised were three young men who managed to prevent a burglary.

Ryan Newby, 19, Kalaba Chibwe, 23, and his younger brother Kondwani, aged 20, apprehended a man who had broken into a nearby house in the Broughton area.

"When I got home I noticed my neighbour wasn't in," Kondwani told MK NEWS. "But all of a sudden we heard this big smash, and when we went out the lights in the house were suddenly on."

The trio then discussed whether they should go and approach the house.

"We knocked on the door, and then a few minutes later this random guy answered," said Kalaba.

"He said that he knew the owner of the house and that he had keys, but he couldn't answer why he smashed his way in."

Teenager Ryan then ran after the burglar as he tried to escape, throwing away evidence as he did so. The group managed to catch him and rang the police.

On receiving his award, Kalaba said he had not expected to receive such recognition.

"We didn't think it would get this far, but we're happy," he said. "We didn't feel like we could just sit back and watch as a house was burgled."

Other members of the public rewarded were Leanne Dennis, Lorraine Gregory, Nathan Grant and Tom Broom, who assisted in preventing a woman jumping from a bridge on Avebury Boulevard last August.

Recognition was also given to John Jefferies, who was commended for his quick thinking in saving the life of a woman who was choking with rope around her neck.

Mr Jefferies quickly returned to his work van, where he found an object sharp enough to cut the rope, allowing the woman to breathe.

Among police members of staff who were rewarded were PC Mark Underwood, who protected members of the public while himself being attacked by a man armed with a hammer.

PCSO Will Pearce, 26, was significant in finding two separate elderly, vulnerable people with dementia, who had gone missing in freezing temperatures. In an amazing twist, the two incidents were just a couple of hours apart.

Will's mother Barbara Tita was there to watch her son pick up the award. She said: "I'm very proud of him. When he told us about what had happened I found it incredible that they had both happened on the same day. He showed great initiative."

police ceremony

Brave: Kondwani Chibwe, his brother Kalaba, and Ryan Newby with Supt Halliday

Also commended was PCSO Michaela Robinson, alongside PCSO Nigel Barton, for the calm way in which she dealt with a volatile woman who intended to commit suicide.

Michaela, who is just 22 and has worked at Thames Valley for nearly two years, said that instinct kicked in.

"We were told not to go near her because she had razor blades, but Nigel managed to talk to her," she said. "You don't really think about it, you just want to do all you can to prevent her doing it."

For Supt. Halliday, presenting his peers with rewards was an experience he enjoyed.

"This is a very special day for a number of reasons," he said. "I'm delighted we have so many colleagues and members of the public here.

"It's so nice to talk about the good things that happen, because you don't get the chance to do that very often.

"The reality is times are tough. We all understand that. But what you can do is give recognition for good work, and it means a lot to these people that they get that."

For more pictures from the ceremony, visit our online story at www.mk-news.co.uk

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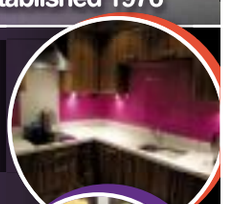

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Crooks 'fish' for keys to raid home

BY DAN PALMER
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A HOME in the city was burgled after crooks poked a device through the letter box to 'fish' for the keys to the front door.

The offenders struck between 1am and 7am on Wednesday at an address in Middleton after the keys had been left in reach.

Once inside, they discovered the car keys to a black Vauxhall Astra which they promptly drove away, loaded up with a Sony laptop, an Apple iPad Mini, a Packard Bell Notebook, aftershave, a driving licence, a brown leather handbag and credit and store cards which they also stole during the raid.

The house keys were left on a hook near to the front door of the property in Ladymeadow Court and police have now warned others to be on their guard against this type of burglary.

Ed Allington, crime reduction adviser for Milton Keynes, said: "Do not leave your car keys or house keys anywhere near a door or window where they can be seen from outside or where they could be 'fished out' through the letter box.

"It is vital that all doors are locked with a key every time the door is closed, even if you are inside the house.

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"If you have a burglar alarm make sure you use it at night if possible."

There has been a trend of cars being stolen after keys were discovered during home burglaries in February.

Vehicles were taken from outside homes in Bradwell, Middleton and Willen Park during the month.

"Keys have been known to be fished out via the letter box using a long pole," Mr Allington said

"So make sure your keys are not left vulnerable."

Anyone with any information about any burglaries is asked to phone the police on the non emergency number 101.

Stay safe: Do not leave your keys near to your front door or you could be at risk from burglars who are 'fishing' out keys from homes

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Benn slams 'bedroom tax' during MK visit

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE shadow communities secretary, Hilary Benn, attacked the Government's 'bedroom tax' during a visit to Milton Keynes.

Mr Benn visited the city to speak at Labour's borough conference in Kiln Farm on Saturday, and reserved most of his ire for the controversial plans to penalise council tenants deemed to have a spare bedroom.

The scheme, being introduced in April, could see council tenants pay an extra £700 a year.

"It was great to visit Milton Keynes at the weekend to hear more about the work of Labour councillors in exposing the government's failures," said Mr Benn.

"The Prime Minister says 'we're all in this together', but his local authority of West Oxfordshire – one of the least deprived areas in the country – is getting an increase in its spending power next year while Milton Keynes Council is facing a cut.

"The unfair bedroom tax and cuts to council tax benefit will make life a lot harder for those that can least afford it. At the very same time, the government is cutting tax for millionaires. It's just plain wrong to balance the books to pay for top rate tax cuts on the backs of people who don't have a lot of money."

Hilary Benn speaks at the Labour conference in Kiln Farm on Saturday where he gave his support to a campaign against the 'bedroom tax'

Andrew Pakes, Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Spokesperson for Milton Keynes South, said: "I was really pleased to welcome Hilary to Kiln Farm on Saturday, and to get his support in our local campaign against the Government's bedroom tax. Hilary has a great reputation as a champion for social justice.

"The bedroom tax will hit some of our lowest paid families by £700 a year.

"Hilary made the point that we should be pulling together to ensure that any cuts fall fairly across those with the broadest shoulders, rather than targeting low-paid families and the most vulnerable in society.

"It is simply wrong that the government is putting up costs for ordinary families whilst giving a tax cut for millionaires."

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HRH the Duchess of Cornwall speaks to former workers of Bletchley Park about their roles at the centre

BY JAMES AVERILL
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VETERAN'S who used to work at Bletchley Park, the home of the codebreakers, enjoyed a royal visit last Thursday.

HRH the Duchess of Cornwall spent just under an hour chatting to nearly 60 former workers.

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"It has been very pleasant meeting her and coming back here," she said.

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Extra £2.7m for dental treatment

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN EXTRA £2.7m in funding will help NHS dentists across Milton Keynes.

The Department for Health has launched a £30m boost for NHS dentists in the UK, and NHS Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire will pocket nearly ten per cent of this money.

The exact amount, £2,746,000, will help 26,000 new patients visit and seek treatment by April next year.

It should also help reduce the list of patients, most of whom are children, waiting for orthodontic treatment.

Diane Fenton, who is the head of dentistry and optometry at NHS Milton Keynes & Northants, said: "Last year we were allocated an extra £1,004,000 by the Department of Heath for additional activity and this attracted almost 12,000 new patients to NHS dental practices who have since been treated.

"We want to make sure that this progress continues and that dentists give the highest standards of care as well as treating more patients.

"This will allow more patients to see an NHS dentist, get their oral health checked and bring their beaming smile, and confidence back.

"That's why we have invested this extra funding. Better oral health is a key priority."

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Extra funding is good news for NHS dentists across MK

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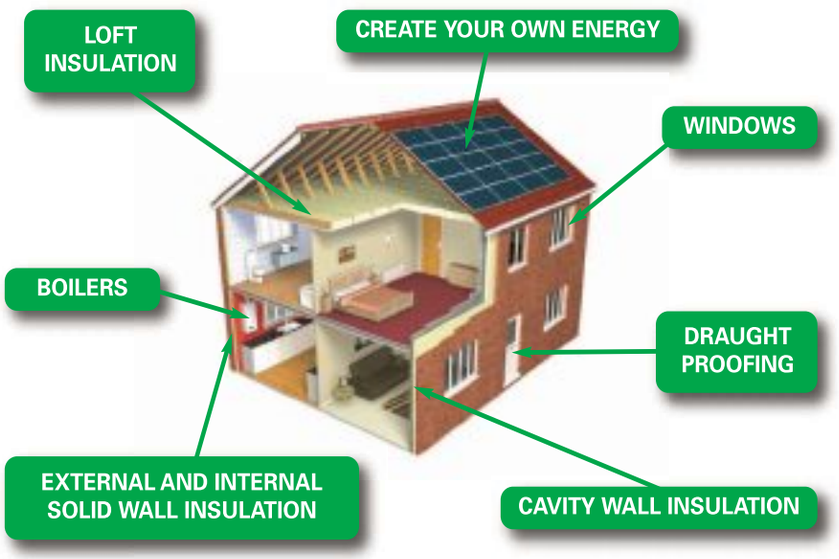

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Heel appeal to raise funds for city charity

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Got sole: Richard North and Maddie Whealdon from The Living Room

EVERYONE'S got a pair of old shoes lying around somewhere, and now you have the opportunity to put them to good use.

The Living Room is encouraging customers to donate their unwanted footwear to raise money for Harry's Rainbow – a local charity dedicated to supporting bereaved children and their families in the city.

Kyle Stevens, general manager of the bar in The Hub, said: "With the average woman owning 34 pairs of shoes, we hope this initiative will be especially popular with some our female customers.

"It's a great chance for all of us to de-clutter, it prevents shoes going to landfill, and it's all for a good cause.

"Everyone has shoes lurking at the back of the wardrobe which haven't been worn for some time.

"All types and conditions of shoes are welcomed and can be donated at The Living Room."

Harry's Rainbow was established in memory of five-year-old Harry Mould from Greenleys, who died unexpectedly in 2009, leaving behind twin sister Jessica.

The aim is to support children affected by the death of a very significant family member.

Harry's mother Odette, chairperson of the charity, said: "All the money raised will be used to purchase books and other resources, as well as going towards activities and Rainbow groups we hold for bereaved children and their families."

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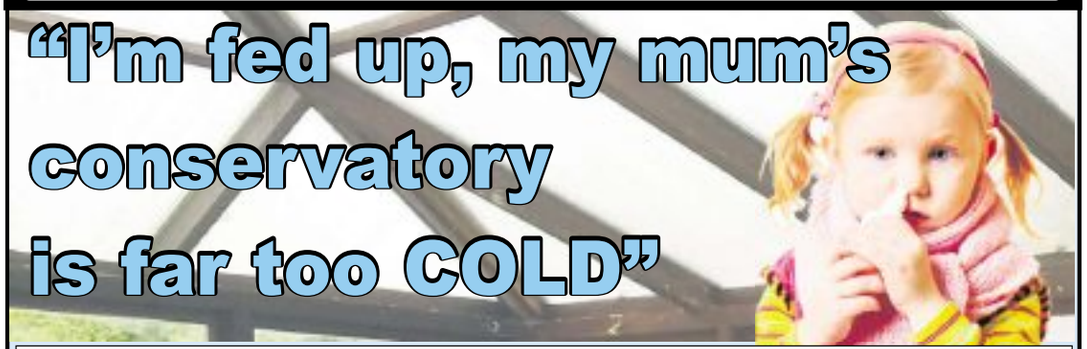

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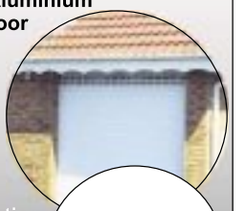

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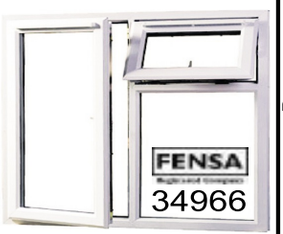

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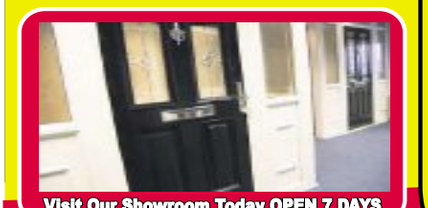

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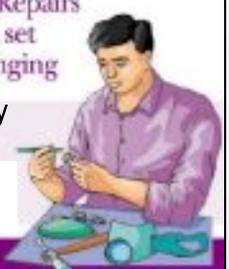

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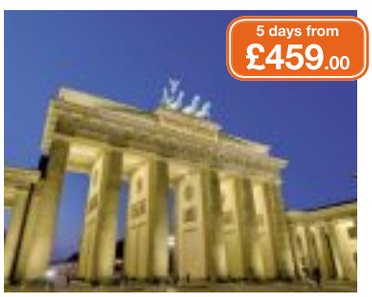

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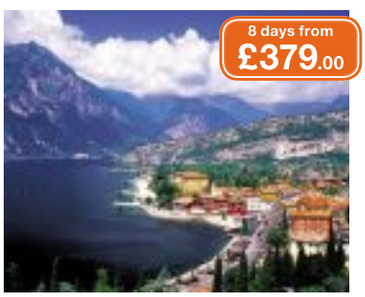

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MK EDUCATION

School's link with African friends

BY DAN PALMER
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TEACHERS and pupils at a city school have forged an inspiring link with counterparts in Ghana.

The Hazeley Academy's relationship with Nangodi Junior High in the West African country has already taught both schools plenty – and there are big plans in place to develop stronger ties in the future.

In October, Nangodi's head teacher Francis Sapaat visited Hazeley to shadow assistant principal Steffan Healy, and this month Mr Healy and senior learning mentor Alex West made the return journey, where they had an unforgettable experience.

"It was incredible," Mr Healy said. "Once you strip away the flashy buildings and interactive whiteboards, you realise that we are more the same than different.

"Their pupils all have the same ambitions, such as being a nurse or a teacher or joining the army."

Nangodi is in Bolgatanga, a rural town in the north of Ghana, and the families of 95 per cent of its children are peasant farmers.

"It was a completely different environment, but it was humbling to see how happy they are with how little they have," Mr Healy said.

Mr Sapaat has formed a student council known as Student Voice at Nangodi after visiting Hazeley, and he has also adopted an initiative which sees all students 'drop everything' at a point in the week to read for 30 minutes.

Supplies such as stationary and sports gear, which were donated by Hazeley pupils, were delivered to Ghana, and local football club MK City even provided a full strip.

The link-up is supported by both the British Council and Rebranding Africa, and the latest ambition is to fund a school farm at Nangodi, which would be able to produce school meals.

Pupils of Ghanaian descent are the fourth largest ethnic group at Hazeley.

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Record forms needed

SCHOOLS in Milton Keynes that took part in a World Record attempt for the most people signing and singing simultaneously have been urged to return their witness forms. It is believed over 135,00 children took part, but SignHealth, the company who organised it, say they need the forms so it can officially confirm the world record. "It's vital we have these or the children's hard work will count for nothing," said a spokesman. Forms should be sent to SignHealth, 5 Baring Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2NB by Friday, March 15, 2013.

A new energy at Leon

SIR Herbert Leon Academy will hold a Climate Day on March 7, during which competition winners will be named. Academy pupils have been taking part in a competition, organised by energy company E.ON, to design the branding on the front of the schools new biomass container. The biomass system will provide a source of lower carbon heat to the main school building, and could save the school up to £10,000 a year in energy costs. The three winning designs will be chosen by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Catriona Morris.

Pupils in court competition

ALMOST 100 young people will be appearing in court following a Christmas pub crawl which turned violent – but fortunately it's not as bad as it seems!

The 96 youngsters will be attending court, but only as participants in the 2013 Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition.

Groups of 12-14 year olds will take on the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, court staff and a defendant to take part in the 19th annual competition, which is run by the Citizenship Foundation in partnership with the Magistrates' Association.

Milton Keynes Magistrates Court is hosting the local heat on March 16 and many youngsters from the city will be among those taking part.

A specially written criminal case is used, which involves a scenario where the defendant, an ex-soldier, is standing accused of assault.

The case also asks students to consider the relatively new area of law on joint enterprise by considering whether the defendant helped his friends carry out an assault even if he is not guilty of directly assaulting the victim.

Along the way the youngsters learn about all aspects of the criminal justice system, including law, procedures and consequences.

They also develop confidence in personal skills such as public speaking, analysis techniques and working as a team.

Local magistrates and other legal professionals help the teams prepare by giving information on the everyday workings of magistrates' courts and hosting court visits. There are two additional opportunities – a court reporter and a court artist competition.

Sixty-nine heats will be held across the country before a grand national final in Nottingham in June.

Chinese New Year is a time to celebrate for youngsters

CHILDREN at Swanbourne House School Nursery have really been getting into the spirit for Chinese New Year.

They joined up with pupils in reception to enjoy an activity day which saw all 72 youngsters dress up in authentic and traditional Chinese outfits.

It wasn't just the attire though as both pupils and teachers alike were spotted taking part in numerous Chinese-themed activities.

These encompassed all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum and included such wide-ranging activities as painting with chopsticks, role play in the Swanbourne Wok Restaurant and making lanterns, dragon puppets and fans.

Elsewhere there was measuring with rainbow coloured rice, listening to music from China and acting out the Chinese New Year traditional story.

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China – this year is the Year of the Snake.

Some keen pupils even attempted to reproduce Chinese script.

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Bonny prepares for her 9 to 5 shift at MK Theatre

BONNIE Langford, who 'scweamed and scweamed and scweamed' as Violet Elizabeth Bott in the 1970's Just William TV series; made her West End debut in Gypsy aged seven, starred in the film of Bugsy Malone and who has since appeared in pretty much every major musical going – both in London and on Broadway – is on her way to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Of course she has been here before. Back in 2004, Bonnie toured to MK with the award-winning musical Fosse and then there was a Doctor Who convention.

JUDY RILEY talked to Bonnie in advance of her visit to the city next week, playing Roz Keith, the buttoned-up office snitch in Dolly Parton's musical comedy, 9 to 5.

Q: You have had an amazing career and done everything from Dancing on Ice to travelling through the space time continuum with the Doctor; do you still find that there are challenges you have to face when you take on a new role?

BL: Oh, yes. Every day. You have to keep it fresh. It's all about what you bring to it, your own interpretation of it.

For the full interview go online at www.mk-news.co.uk.

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kentvalentine

FUNNY man Kent Valentine is in action at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell on Sunday night as part of That Time of the Month comedy.

Kent is described as one of the most dynamic comedians on the comedy landscape and he is a regular on 'Stand Up Australia', a top TV comedy show in his homeland.

He has established himself as a headline performer all over the international circuit and is a winner of multiple awards for his critically-lauded solo show Fablemonger.

Expect stories that are 'full of jokes' and a very funny evening.

Tickets cost £4 and are available from www.wegottickets.com/event/196299. The show starts at 7pm.

accordionstar

SHARON Shannon has done more than most to make the much-maligned accordion cool in her native Ireland.

Sharon is a musicians' musician, having collaborated with acts such as Bono, Sinead O'Connor, Steve Earle, The Waterboys, Willie Nelson, Alisson Krauss and Shane MacGowan.

She is famous for her versatility across genres from traditional Irish music to funk and country.

Revered in her homeland, Sharon is touring the UK playing her most popular songs, but also breathing new life into the back catalogue.

Sharon Shannon is appearing at The Stables tomorrow at 8pm. Tickets cost £19.50.

wordsmiths

THERE'S another evening of spoken word to enjoy as part of MK Gallery's weekly Scratch Night tomorrow.

Structo is a British literary magazine which publishes the best new short stories and poetry from all around the world alongside essays and interviews twice a year.

At the gallery they are presenting three different writers, Christine De Luca, Olivia McCannon and Chris Beckett, plus more to be confirmed.

All three come from different backgrounds and have different styles so you can expect a diverse and highly entertaining evening of poetry and prose.

For times and more information about the performers visit the gallery's website, www.mkgallery.org.

mangaNight

THE MK Library's Manga Club has been placed in charge of the MK Gallery's Friday Night Film this week.

And it has chosen Rozen Maiden Overture, directed by Malik Bendjelloul.

In the story Jun buys Shinku a brooch which she refuses to accept at all costs. Souseiseki then confronts Jun with the reason for Shinku's behaviour whereby the tragic story of Suigintou unfolds and the revelation of why her hatred for Shinku continued through the centuries.

Starts at 7pm. Fans of the Japanese comics and films, or anyone who would like to see what manga is all about, should call 01908 676 900 for tickets, which cost £5.

Book before the day and receive a free drink.

bountyhunter

HANSEL and Gretel is one of the best known fairytales, but if you don't know it, here's a brief synopsis.

Two siblings unwittingly stumble across a witch who lives in a house made of cakes and sweets in the middle of the forest.

She decides that she would like nothing more than to eat the duo but they outwit her and push her into the fire.

Most people probably think that this is where the story ends but a new film out at the cinema this week, Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters, explores the adult life of the brother and sister.

The movie portrays them as bounty hunters who track down and assassinate witches they find, and they have one evil coven in particular in their sights.

Expect violence and gore, as well as some dark comedy, in this action fest.

Gemma Arterton and Jeremy Renner play the dynamic duo in question.

loomingtalent

Named as one of the '20 Most Exciting New Bands of 2013' by music magazine NME, LOOM are part of a new revival of indie.

Hailing from Leamington Spa, band frontman Tarik Badwan (younger brother of The Horror's Faris Badwan) utilises his powerful voice alongside a backtrack of ripping guitars and piercing drums.

Their new single, the snarling I Get A Taste is released at the end of March, and the music press expects big things from the band.

Indie enthusiasts are also sure to like the evening's support acts, Kilto Take and Bliss Eyes.

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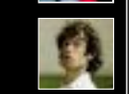

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NOW here's a competition for all bride and grooms to be, courtesy of The Wedding Cottage and Dew Drops Florist – which are both based at The Wedding Courtyard, Wakefield Country Courtyard, Potterspury.

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The Wedding Cottage

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And as Sally herself says, sometimes you have to see to believe...

Sally Morgan appears at MK Theatre at 7.30pm on Thursday February 28. Tickets cost £24.50.

metalgear

METAL Gear Rising: Revengeance is now out on Xbox360 and Sony PS3.

This one will split fans of the Metal Gear franchise – the true stealth that made the series a classic is gone, but an elegant slasher in the vein of Bayonetta is born.

It's a heavily Japanese-influenced cinematic experience that promotes the fourth instalment's supporting character Raiden, cutting through cyborg's as part of new gameplay feature entitled zan-datsu – as you seek revenge for an African president's assassination.

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Rating: 4/5 **Review by Gavin Miller**

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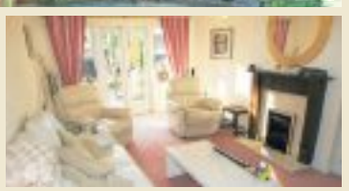

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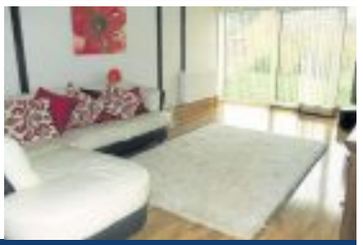

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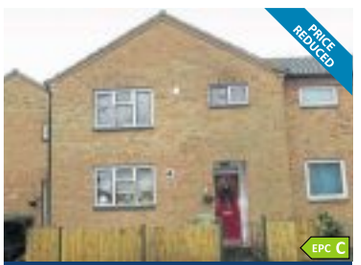

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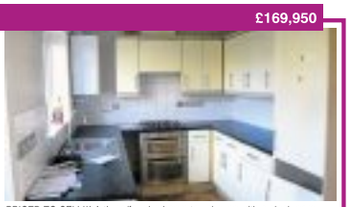

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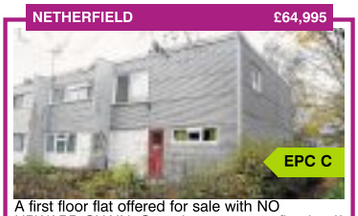

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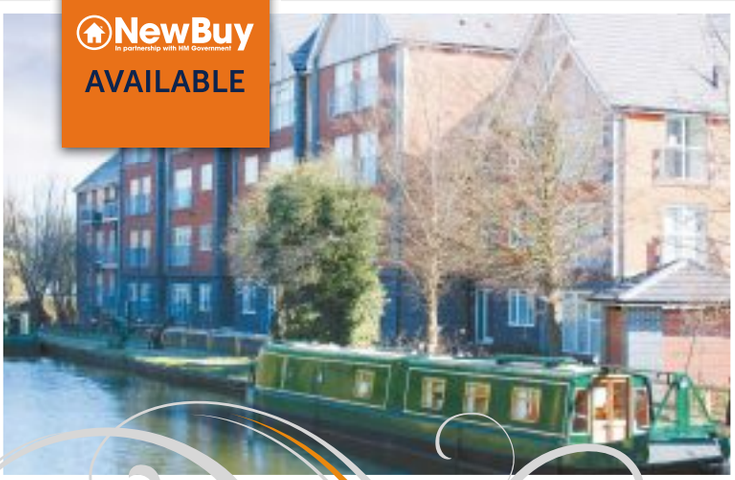

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For application forms and further details, please contact the school, stating which position you are interested in. Visits are most welcome. A fully enhanced police check will be required.

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Visits to the school are welcomed.

Closing Date: **Friday 8th March 2013 (12.00 noon)**

Interviews: **Friday 15th March 2013**

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Bushmead Primary School

Bushmead Road, Luton LU2 7EU

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MPS / UPS plus TLR2b allowance **Ref: 40/0737**

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Governors are seeking someone who is passionate about Early Years education with the experience and motivation to lead our Foundation Stage ensuring children develop and learn in a safe and enjoyable environment. You will need vision and energy to lead our drive to improve standards through the EYFS Curriculum.

You must have an excellent knowledge of the Foundation Stage Curriculum, ICT skills to support children's learning, excellent inter-personal skills and a commitment to professional development.

For someone with extensive experience this could be an opportunity to join the school's leadership team.

Teachers

MPS / UPS **Ref: 40/0742**

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Closing date for both roles: 11 March 2013 at 12 noon.

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notice of application - february 17th 2013
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ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND LOADING/UNLOADING RESTRICTIONS IN PARTS OF OLDBROOK, NEWPORT PAGNELL, NEATH HILL, BLETCHLEY AND WAVENDON GATE, MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make 5 orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The orders, the titles of which are listed below, will affect all classes of vehicles. Parts of roads within the above areas of Milton Keynes will be affected by the following restrictions:-

Oldbrook Boulevard Service Road, Olbrook (Oldbrook First School)
• The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction.

Green Park Drive, Newport Pagnell (Green Park Combined School)
• The variation of an existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction.

Currier Drive, Neath Hill (St Monica's Catholic Combined School)
• The reduction of an existing 'Limited Waiting' restriction to facilitate one unrestricted parking bay.

Queensway, Bletchley (Knowles County Middle School)
• The removal of an existing 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction.

Gregories Drive, Wavendon Gate (Wavendon Gate First School)
• The introduction of 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions and 'No Loading or Unloading between 8.30 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm' restrictions.

Exemptions from the proposed orders include:- emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and Statements of Reasons for proposing the orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 20 March 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-6916-2099 (Oldbrook Boulevard), BAS-P&E-6917-2100 (Green Park Drive), BAS-P&E-6926-2103 (Currier Drive), BAS-P&E-6925-2102 (Queensway) and BAS-P&E-6918-2101 (Gregories Drive).

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Order Titles

1. *THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (OLDBROOK BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD (PART), OLDBROOK) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013*
2. *THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (GREEN PARK DRIVE, KENNINGTON CLOSE AND ELTHORNE WAY (PARTS), NEWPORT PAGNELL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND STOPPING) ORDER 2003) VARIATION ORDER 2013*
3. *THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, NEATH HILL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2013*
4. *THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) REVOCATION ORDER 2013*
5. *THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (GREGORIES DRIVE, WAVENDON GATE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013*

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (NEWPORT ROAD (PART), WOUGHTON ON THE GREEN AND NEWPORT ROAD (PART), WOUGHTON PARK) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Newport Road, Woughton on the Green, which runs into Newport Road, Woughton Park and that part of Newport Road, Woughton Park from its junction with the H8 Standing Way to its junction with Castle Rose whilst road resurfacing works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure of the above parts of roads will be in effect between the hours of 9.30 am and 5.00 pm each day from 11 March 2013 until 15 March 2013, however these dates may vary should inclement weather occur. The roads may re-open early if works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative routes will be as follows:-

For traffic travelling southbound along Newport Road from Woughton on the Green into Woughton Park – proceed via the H8 Standing Way (eastbound) take the 3rd exit at Kents Hill Roundabout onto the V10 Brickhill Street (southbound), take the 3rd exit at Walton Roundabout onto the H9 Groveway (westbound) and turn into Newport Road.

For traffic travelling along Newport Road from Woughton Park from the H8 Standing Way (eastbound approach) – proceed via the H8 Standing Way (eastbound), take the first exit at Netherfield Roundabout onto the V8 Marborough Street (southbound), take the first exit at Simpson Roundabout onto the H9 Groveway (eastbound) and turn into Newport Road.

For traffic wishing to access the H8 Standing Way from Newport Road, Woughton Park (northbound) – proceed via Newport Road, Woughton Park (southbound) then onto the H9 Groveway (westbound), take the third exit at Simpson Roundabout onto the V8 Marlborough Street (northbound) to Netherfield Roundabout and turn onto the H8 Standing Way.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary closure and its alternative routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Pedestrian access to adjacent properties and premises will be maintained at all times throughout the restrictions.

The temporary closure will be in effect on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in affected roads.

The proposed order will come into operation on 11 March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (JUNCTION OF H8 STANDING WAY AND TRAFALGAR AVENUE, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access at the junction of the H8 Standing Way and Trafalgar Avenue, Bletchley.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway, namely, works to improve road safety at this junction including works to the existing kerblines.

The alternative route for traffic wishing to turn right into Trafalgar Avenue from the the H8 Standing Way will be to proceed along the H8 Standing Way to Elfield Roundabout, take the third exit onto the south-westbound carriageway of the H8 Standing Way and continue to the left turning for Trafalgar Avenue. The left turn egress from Trafalgar Avenue onto the H8 Standing Way is unaffected.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closure will come into effect from Monday 11th March 2013 until Friday 15th March 2013, inclusive. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 11th March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES – PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND PARKING CONTROLS IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make eleven Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to Central Milton Keynes. The proposed Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will vary existing parking restrictions and introduce new parking and waiting restrictions, and will affect all classes of motor vehicles. The proposed Orders will have the following effects within the roads or parts of the roads stated below:-

To introduce some electric vehicle parking places between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm every day of the week along parts of Avebury Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard;

To introduce some combined premium rate, pay by mobile phone and electric vehicle parking places within parts of Avebury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard, Silbury Boulevard and Saxon Gate. Premium rate parking will only be in effect within these parking places between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day of the week. Electric vehicle parking will be permitted from 7.00am to 6.00pm every day of the week;

To introduce some combined free, and electric vehicle parking places with a maximum period for free parking of 2 hours with no return within 2 hours between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day of the week along part of Midsummer Boulevard;

To introduce some combined standard rate, pay by mobile phone and electric vehicle parking places within parts of Midsummer Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard. Standard rate parking will only be in effect within these parking places between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day of the week. Electric vehicle parking will be permitted from 7.00am to 6.00pm every day of the week;

Electric vehicles:- including hybrid vehicles which use petrol and battery power; must display a relevant current tax disc whilst parked; need not be charging whilst parked.

The introduction of additional premium rate pay and display parking places in part of Avebury Boulevard;

The removal of the No Stopping Except Taxis restriction in part of Avebury Boulevard;

The introduction of No Stopping Except Taxis restriction along part of the north-east side of Lower Twelfth Street between the hours of 10.00pm and 6.00am Friday to Sunday;

The reinstatement of the No Stopping Except Taxis restriction – the whole 24 hours of every day on part of Midsummer Boulevard;

The introduction of Low Emission Vehicle Permit parking for vehicles which emit less than 100g CO2 per km driven in all Standard Rate parking spaces within Central Milton Keynes and for those vehicles which display the relevant Low Emission Vehicle permit to park free of charge within those parking spaces;

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The reduction of some standard rate pay and display parking places in South Row;

The introduction of some residents only permit parking places in South Row;

The removal of a disabled person's parking bay on Midsummer Boulevard;

The introduction of a loading/unloading only parking place on Midsummer Boulevard effective the whole 24 hours of every day.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the proposed Orders. Exemptions from some of these proposals include: emergency services vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of each of the proposed Orders, maps showing the affected roads, Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any representations about or objections to the proposals, together with grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **to be received** no later than 20th March 2013 quoting reference WL-P&E-006799-TRO-2091.

Titles of the Proposed Orders

1. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Prohibition of Stopping and Limited Waiting Restrictions) Order 2012) Variation Order 2013
2. **The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Standard Rate Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone and Electric Vehicle Parking Places and Various Permits) Order 2013**
3. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Premium Rate and Long Stay Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone and Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2013
4. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Premium Rate and Long Stay Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places) Order 2002) Variation Order 2013
5. **The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Free and Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2013**
6. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Standard Rate Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places and Various Permits) Order 2002) Variation Order 2013
7. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Standard Rate Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places Order 2005) Variation Order 2013
8. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Specific and Permit Parking Places) Order 2002) Variation Order 2013
9. **The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Residents' Permit Parking Places) Order 2005) Variation Order 2013**
10. The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Station Square, Central Milton Keynes) (Various Traffic Restrictions) Revocation Order 2012) Variation Order 2013
11. The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes) (Loading Only Parking Places) Order 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES STANDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES LOWER TWELFTH STREET AND AVEBURY BOULEVARD, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes in pursuance of their powers as Highway Authority under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, in order to improve the through flow of all traffic and access to amenities in the area propose to appoint a Hackney Carriage stand on Lower Twelfth Street and revoke a Hackney Carriage stand on Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, as follows:-

To appoint a Hackney Carriage stand along the north-east side of Lower Twelfth Street from a point approximately 69.5 metres south-east of its junction with the south-eastern vehicular accessway of Midsummer Boulevard for a distance of approximately 29.5 metres in a south-easterly direction, with a maximum of 6 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To revoke a Hackney Carriage stand on the north-west side of the north-western vehicular accessway on Avebury Boulevard, running from the north-eastern side of the porte cochere situated north-east of Lower Twelfth Street to the access road that leads to Avebury Boulevard north-east of Lower Twelfth Street with a maximum of 5 Hackney Carriages being permitted to wait at the stand.

Any objections or representations to the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 27th March 2013 quoting reference WL/P&E/006763/2086.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 27 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00090/FUL	Partial demolition and enlargement of existing single storey rear extension at 5 Northampton Road, Lavendon
13/00145/FUL	Single storey rear and side extension at Broughton House, London Road, Broughton
13/00283/TPO	Variation of condition 2 of planning consent 11/01013/TPO to amend the timing constraints at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
12/02594/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to crown reduce by 15% 1x Ash (T1) at 1 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00140/FUL	Change of Use from office (Use Class B1) to two bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3) at 20 Market Square, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
13/00035/FUL	Erection of air-dome over 2 x existing tennis courts to provide temporary cover for up to four months each year (November to February inclusive) at Ancell Trust Sports Ground, Ostlers Lane, Stony Stratford

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FIRST LEAGUE GOAL

ADAM Chicksen was delighted to bag his first league goal at Carlisle on Saturday – but in the end it was a bittersweet afternoon for the defender as Dons could not hang onto the lead his strike had given them.

The 21-year-old Milton Keynes native cut inside and drilled a fine low finish past Carlisle keeper Mark Gillespie to put Dons on course for what would have been a precious victory at Brunton Park.

It wasn't to be though as despite appearing comfortable, Mark Beck pounced late on to snatch a point for the Cumbrians.

"As soon as I got the ball I was waiting for an opportunity and it arrived," Chicksen said when speaking about his first half strike.

"I've come inside and I was waiting for the ball to settle, and as soon as it did I got my head over the ball and hit it.

"I have been working hard to add goals to my game. I was happy to get it, but disappointed that we couldn't grind out the win."

Not hanging on to the victory was a major blow for Dons who need every point they can muster if they are to reignite their faltering play-off challenge.

Chicksen, however, said the squad had not given up on the dream of Championship football next season.

"We've got to believe," he said. "If we don't then we're defeating ourselves.

"The way we played against Carlisle gave us confidence. I'm sure the lads will think that we can pull it back.

"League position is key and we all know where we need to be in the table. We've got to take every game as it comes and start to push up."

Chicksen, who scored his first goal for the club in the FA Cup against Cambridge City this season, has been used by Karl Robinson on both flanks but has yet to win a regular place in the side.

At Carlisle he was picked at right back instead of Jon Otsemobor and he will now be hoping for a run of games.

"I just love playing at the minute," he said. "I'm enjoying it and I'm in a good place.

"Wherever I play on the pitch, I want to perform. I'll take every game as it comes and prepare for each one the same."

RAE LINKS UP WITH INCE

DONS chief scout Alex Rae has left the club to join former stadiummk boss Paul Ince at Blackpool.

Ince, who was appointed to the Bloomfield Road hot seat last week, has recruited Rae into his coaching staff.

The pair previously worked together at Notts County and 43-year-old Rae also played alongside Ince at Wolves.

Rae, a former Rangers and Sunderland midfielder, had been at Dons for a year during his latest tenure at the club.

In 2010 he made four senior appearances for the club, against Brighton, Oldham, Carlisle and Southampton.

"He's got a vast amount of knowledge, which he can lend to the players and the rest of the staff," Ince said.

AUSTRIA CALL FOR DANSO

ANOTHER product from the Dons academy has received international recognition.

Youngster Kevin Danso has been added to the Austria U16 squad for their friendly with Hungary next month.

Danso featured in the Jim and Gwen Mann Academy Challenge Match at stadiummk last week which saw Arsenal defeat a young Dons side 4-1.

He will fly out to Vienna on March 10 ahead of the friendly with the Hungarians the following Wednesday.

The Dons youngster will also take part in two training sessions at Bad Tatzmansdorf before returning to Milton Keynes on Thursday ahead of his academy fixture at the weekend.

FOOTBALL

Luke Chadwick tries to burst through the Portsmouth defence

Point not enough as play-offs slide away

FROM BACK PAGE

mistakes on both sides and that trend continued in the second half which opened in a ugly fashion.

McLeod missed a golden chance to put Dons in front when a cross to the striker seemed perfect for a headed tap in.

However, the forward failed to react and the opportunity came and went.

Robinson replaced McLeod shortly afterwards with Ryan Lowe, as part of a double change which also saw Ryan Harley replaced with Chris Lines.

It was a torrid evening for McLeod who was unable to silence a home crowd who subjected him to several taunts throughout the evening.

There was a blow for Dons when the influential Williams had to be taken off, with Jon Otsemobor coming on for the Irishman.

Dons began to assert themselves with 15 minutes to go as they played keep ball and made the Portsmouth team chase shadows.

Clear cut chances were at a premium though as Robinson's men huffed and puffed in search of a crucial second goal.

Adam Chicksen cut inside and drove a wild shot wide as Portsmouth held firm in defence.

At the other end, Patrick Agyemang looked set to score for Pompey but after failing to put the ball into the net from close range, an offside flag was waved anyway.

Lines sent a free-kick into the wall as Dons desperately looked for some spark or quality which would provide a winner.

The crucial final pass was sorely lacking though which meant that nice build-up play from the visitors counted for very little.

A point against opposition of Portsmouth's quality is not good enough for Dons who will face much sterner tests this season.

If promotion was a tough ask before the game it is an even more distant dream now.

Portsmouth: Eastwood, Walker (Harris 73), Connolly, Moutaouakil (Webster 63), Gyepes, Ertl, Racon (Reed 63), Agyemang, Rocha, Butler, Wallace. Unused subs: Smith, Keene, Akinde.

Dons: McLoughlin, Lewington, MacKenzie, Williams (Otsemobor 64), Potter, Chicksen, McLeod (Lowe 56), Powell, Harley (Lines 56), Kay, Chadwick. Unused subs: Doumbe, Flanagan, Baldock, Rasulo.

Att: 9,815 (267).

Adam Chicksen avoids a high boot

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

THE Portsmouth game last night was our fourth away match in a row in League One, which is a peculiar situation to have been in.

There is always a different mindset for games away from stadiummk so it has been strange for us.

It has meant a lot of overnight stays in hotels but our routine here is usually fairly similar and fairly quiet.

We'll have some dinner, and then perhaps watch any football on the TV.

In the morning of the game the lads may do a session in the hotel swimming pool and we usually go for a bit of a walk.

For an evening game, the afternoon is used for bed rest and then there will be a meeting before we head to the ground.

The last few days in particular have been especially hectic as we have driven the entire length of the country, first to Carlisle on Saturday and then down to Portsmouth for last night's match, which has put a lot of demand on the players.

At Carlisle we were bitterly disappointed not to win the game after conceding a late equaliser in the 1-1 draw.

We were delighted with the way we played at times in the first half, as we thought it was back to the way we want to play our football.

It felt like our form had come back to us and we were on top for a lot of the game, so it was a blow to take only one point instead of three.

Everyone still believes that we can reach the play-offs and the lads have been set a target of how many games they need to win to do that. We feel confident that we can do it and there is still the same desire and belief.

This week we were boosted by seeing Stephen Gleeson back on the training pitch, but working with the medical team still – he's edging closer to a return.

FIXTURES

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Doncaster	34	7	4	6	20	19	11	4	2	28	13	16	62
Sheffield Utd	34	7	7	3	27	17	9	6	2	21	12	19	61
Tranmere	35	8	5	5	27	18	9	4	4	27	18	18	60
Swindon	34	8	6	4	34	11	8	5	3	22	13	32	59
Brentford	33	9	6	2	28	17	6	7	3	19	16	14	58
Yeovil	34	10	2	5	30	17	8	2	7	26	26	13	58
Bournemouth	35	9	6	3	31	16	7	4	6	26	29	12	58
Coventry City	35	5	5	7	23	21	10	3	5	33	21	14	53
Walsall	35	7	5	5	25	24	7	5	6	24	24	1	52
Notts County	34	6	4	6	23	19	6	9	3	26	18	12	49
Crewe	33	8	2	5	17	14	5	6	7	23	30	-4	47
Leyton Orient	34	8	2	7	18	17	6	3	8	18	23	-4	47
MK Dons	32	8	3	4	22	16	4	7	6	20	20	6	46
Crawley Town	32	6	5	5	25	23	7	2	7	16	22	-4	46
Stevenage	33	4	5	7	20	27	8	2	7	19	19	-7	43
Carlisle United	34	6	4	8	24	35	5	4	7	17	24	-18	41
Shrewsbury	35	6	7	5	22	20	3	6	8	17	23	-4	40
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Scunthorpe	35	5	5	8	22	30	5	3	9	16	27	-19	38
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Colchester	34	7	3	8	22	25	3	2	11	12	30	-21	35
Bury	34	3	5	8	14	23	3	7	8	19	29	-19	30
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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning's derby day

Action packed: Lightning in action against Guildford. Pic: Jez Tibbetts

NICK Poole is relishing Lightning's derby showdown with local rivals Peterborough Phantoms, as he targets a third-placed finish in the English Premier League.

The city side are in superb form, having won six of their last eight matches, and they hope to leap-frog Manchester Phoenix to earn a place in the top three.

Lightning's purple patch increased last week with two wins from three games in four days – starting with a fine 2-1 midweek success at Swindon Wildcats on Thursday evening.

The weekend was a mixed bag as Lightning were beaten 3-2 at home by defending league champions Guildford Flames on Saturday, a result they bounced back from on Sunday thanks to a 3-2 victory at Telford Tigers, which was only settled after skipper Adam Carr landed the decisive blow in a penalty shoot-out.

Peterborough come to the city on Saturday with only eight matches remaining before the end of season play-offs, which represents Lightning's last chance of silverware this term.

Phantoms, however, are a enjoying a hot streak of their own, having also won six from their last eight games including back-to-back victories over Bracknell Bees.

"Peterborough are a very young, hardworking team," Poole said.

"Our record against them isn't great this season but we're all enjoying our game at the moment – everything's coming together for us and we'll be out to make sure the points stay in our barn on Saturday. Both sides have got a lot to play for and it's a derby game.

"Our supporters will expect us to win this one and that's what we'll be out to do."

Lightning, in fourth, are three points adrift of Manchester in third and Poole continues to be impressed with the form his side has found for the run-in.

He will take his team to Guildford on Sunday to face a side that is closing in on another title, after opening up an eight point gap over second placed Basingstoke Bison.

"We are playing with so much confidence now, and we just need to make sure we take that forward into every game we play for the rest of the season," Poole said.

TABLE TENNIS

Bagg targets fourth title

Fourth title aim: MK table tennis player Andrew Baggaley

ANDREW Baggaley is aiming to capture a fourth English National Championships title in Sheffield this weekend.

The city Olympian will travel to Ponds Forge looking to add to his hat-trick of successes from 2002, 2008 and 2010.

As one of the country's leading players the 29-year-old is certainly in the frame to become a quadruple champion, and as he has done it all before he will step up to the table in a relaxed mood.

"I don't think there's any pressure on me," Baggaley told MK SPORT.

"My target in my career was to win it once and I've managed to win it three times.

"There's only pressure when you've never won it before."

Baggaley competed at London 2012 as part of the Great Britain squad, and is also a member of the England team currently competing in European Championship qualifying.

He is a two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist but the national title, which he first clinched at the age of just 19, is something that still means a lot to him.

"The target is to win it again," he said. "I've been given another shot at glory.

"I'm going to give it everything and take it match by match.

"It's the biggest tournament in England and there's no reason why I can't win it again."

Baggaley will face a yet to be determined qualifier in his first match of the knock-out competition on Saturday, and will then need to win four more matches to taste glory.

English number one and defending champion Paul Drinkhall, a fellow Olympian, is on the other side of the draw and as a result could be waiting for Baggaley in the final.

The MK player lost to Liam Pitchford in the semis last year and enjoys the rivalry with other home-grown players, who are often team mates.

"They are only really rivals in this tournament," Baggaley said.

"We could meet in the Commonwealth Games, but as yet it has never happened.

"You really want to play your best in this tournament, it will only be a success if I win it."

BADMINTON

Lim to double up with Fletcher at All England

ALYSSA Lim will play with Jessica Fletcher at the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships next week, but not mixed partner Marcus Ellis as well.

Milton Keynes' Lim will take to the court at Birmingham's NIA with Fletcher for the qualifying rounds of the women's doubles, with two wins needed to progress to the main draw.

However, she won't do the same with Ellis in the mixed doubles as their partnership is still too new and performances so far together are not quite good enough for them to be entered at that stage.

The 22-year-old and Fletcher would appear to be up against it to make the main draw with the all Scottish pairing of Jillie Cooper and Kirsty Gilmour, seeded third in qualifying, their first opponents in Birmingham.

And, while confident, Lim admits this year's All England Open will be a precursor to next year's, where she hopes to be challenging for the latter rounds of the main draw with both Ellis and Fletcher.

"Jessica and I are in the qualifying rounds and it is our second season together so we have managed to pull up our rankings," Lim said.

"It will be disappointing not to be playing there [with Marcus] and it's bad luck we hadn't had more time together as our ranking isn't good enough.

"But hopefully next year with a lot more experience of playing together we can qualify as it is one of the best tournaments in the world.

"We don't want to be rushed though into such a massive tournament, we want a year behind us to show what we can do."

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SWIMMING

SWIMMERS from the City of Milton Keynes club had an excellent weekend at the Oxon and North Bucks County Championships, winning nine of the first 12 titles which were on offer.

Isobel Jones captured the 800m freestyle in both the senior and junior categories, as well as the junior women's 400m freestyle in a new county record, and Charlotte Evans won the senior and junior 400m individual medleys with large personal bests.

The 1500m freestyle was true to form with Ben Flaherty winning his third title, while younger brother Tom won the junior race.

A far less predictable race was the 400m freestyle as most of the field miscounted the lengths, but in the end it was Tom Flaherty who took the junior and senior titles.

In the men's 400m individual medley Ben Flaherty swam magnificently and clocked a new club record of 4m 26s, coming in second to very strong opposition.

RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY eased their relegation fears in the South West 1 East thanks to a 29-8 win over bottom of the table Swanage and Wareham at Manor Fields.

The victory has moved Bletchley, who started the day just one spot above the relegation zone, up two places to ninth.

Tries from Ben Robinson, Tom Foster, Will Garrett and Josh Peters secured the win.

Milton Keynes were unable to continue their promotion charge as their match at Tadley in the Southern Counties North was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Ray Bray's side will now have another match to catch up on as they look to overhaul Reading Abbey at the top of the table.

They are now third in the league, two points behinds Abbey and second placed Grove but with a game in hand.

In the same division Olney had only James Brock's unconverted try to show for their efforts in a disappointing 18-5 defeat to Wallingford, which leaves them fifth.

HOCKEY

MK Men's 1sts grabbed a valuable 2-0 victory over West Hampstead in London, with both goals coming from Ali McColl.

Meanwhile, the 2nds enjoyed a thumping 8-0 win over Maidenhead, but the 3rds lost 4-0 away at Eastcote. There was also defeat for the 5ths who lost 3-2 away at Leighton Buzzard, and in the EHB Masters Plate, MK's Vets were beaten 2-1 by Hampton in Arden.

There was no game for the Ladies' 1sts, but the 2nds were in action and went down 5-3 to Reading 3rds, while the 3rds were beaten 2-1 by Reading 3As.

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Table tennis ace Baggaley aims for national title No.4

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Promotion slides further away after draw at lowly Portsmouth

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DONS' hopes of promotion slid yet further away after a dismal 1-1 draw at bottom of the table Portsmouth last night.

Karl Robinson's side could not put the strugglers to the sword during another frustrating 90 minutes and achieving Championship football next year now seems like a near impossible ask.

With games rapidly running out Dons are 13 points adrift of the play-off places and they could ill afford to drop more points at Fratton Park.

Dons fashioned the first real chance when Luke Chadwick surged into the box on a powerful diagonal run, but he couldn't keep his shot down and his strike sailed over the crossbar.

Izale McLeod, playing against the club he left Dons for earlier this year, then sent a low strike wide from the edge of the area.

The visitors survived a frantic goalmouth scramble as a crowd of bodies prevented Portsmouth from firing past Dons keeper Ian McLoughlin, who was making his first start of the season in place of regular number one David Martin.

Pompey wondered how they hadn't scored, but the near miss gave the vocal home crowd a lift and their team responded by finding the opening goal.

Jed Wallace swung a lovely curling free-kick into the box which David Connolly met with a deft flicked header, which looped over a stranded McLoughlin and into the far corner of the net.

The south coast club were ecstatic but Karl Robinson's side didn't have to wait long to level in fine style.

McLeod's header fell kindly for Shaun Williams who latched onto a bouncing ball, swivelled and smashed an unstoppable volley into the top corner of Simon Eastwood's goal.

It was a scrappy first half which was full of

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Goal: Shaun Williams celebrates after scoring against Portsmouth. But his goal wasn't enough to give Dons three points from the seaside clash

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